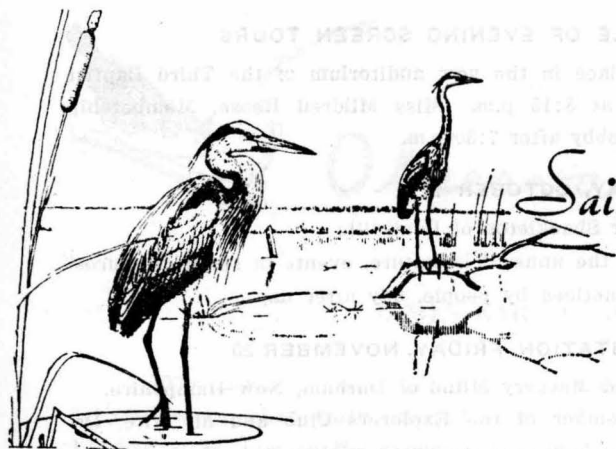




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1953-54 PROGRAM

SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS for beginning bird spotters. Learn how to identify birds in your backyard, in the city and county parks, and in the field. Trips begin at 8 a.m.

Date	Meeting Place	Leader
Sept. 12	Museum, Rockwoods.....	George Moore Pond 6338
Sept. 19	West end of St. Chas. Bridge.....	George Graff St. Chas. 2847-W
Sept. 26	Junction U. S. 40 & Ill. Ill. (Horseshoe Lake)....	James Earl Comfort
Oct. 3	311 Prospect St., Alton, Ill. (Woodpecker Woods, Swan Lake)	O. C. K. Hutchinson
Oct. 10	Restaurant on Ill. 157 in Grand Marais Park.....	Julian Neill Upton 4-6174
Oct. 24	West end Chain Rocks Bridge (Chain of Rocks.....	Dick Anderson
April 3	Pavilion, Missouri Botanical Arboretum,.....	Lu Brenner Willow 9-4655
Apr. 10-24	Gray Summit, Mo. Main Gate, Shaw's Garden.....	Lois & Camille Wamhoff FI-7786
May 15	2315 Tower Grove Refreshment Stand, Creve Coeur Lake.....	Beulah Bedell Ki-0715-W

Children Free	\$1	AUDUBON PICNICS	\$1	Guests Welcome
Sept. 20	4 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Blackburn Park	Telescopes—Migrating birds	
October 25	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pere Marquette	Fall migration, Mississippi flyway	
April 25*	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Desloge Estate.....	Spring migration	
May 16*	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Rice Estate.....	Spring nesting	

*Dates are tentative. Call Earl Hath, TE 3-4104, or Mrs. Magner.

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec. 27, all day	Christmas Census, Marshall Magner.....	Tu-4-2092
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2-4 p.m.	St. Louis Zoo Bird House, Wm. Couway.....	St-0900
Sunday, May 2, all day	Spring Census, David Jones.....	Re-0906
Sundays, April 11-25, May 2-9, 7:30 a.m.	Forest Park Bird Walks, Martin Schweig.....	Ro-4226
Every month, second Sunday, 8-12 noon	Weldon Springs Census, Jim Comfort.....	Tu-4-2714
Wednesday, May 17, 8 p.m.	Annual Meeting, J. M. Magner.....	Tu-4-2092

PLEASE NOTE

We are not allowed to pick flowers or to collect from properties which we visit. Please explain this to your children.

1953-1954 SCHEDULE OF EVENING SCREEN TOURS

Screen Tours will take place in the new auditorium of the Third Baptist Church, Grand and Washington, at 8:15 p.m. Miss Mildred Reese, Membership Chairman, will be present in the lobby after 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

ODDITIES IN NATURE by Walter Shackleton of Louisville

A color film that stresses the unusual in nature, events in small creatures' lives that go on regularly, but unnoticed by people, day after day.

CONSERVATION CITATION, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

PANAMA VENTURE by Lorus and Margery Milne of Durham, New Hampshire.

Dr. Lorus J. Milne, a member of the Explorers Club and his wife, Dr. Margery Milne, have sought out the haunts of American wildlife over the continent, and have recently extended their studies to the jungles of Panama. Their conservation abilities won a year's Ford Foundation fellowship to study conservation problems in the U. S. and Latin America.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

NEWFOUNDLAND by Dick Bird of Regina, Saskatchewan

In recent years, in addition to his extensive lecture tours, Mr. Bird has done film assignments for Walt Disney's outdoor adventures series and has made motion pictures for the Canadian government on wildlife in the National Parks.

LOYALTY NIGHT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SANTA LUCIA SEA CLIFFS by Allan D. C. Cruickshank

This "lecturetographer" has flown, climbed, crawled and ridden into almost every corner of North America. His wit and raconteur is ably supplemented by his imitations of the birds' own calls and songs.

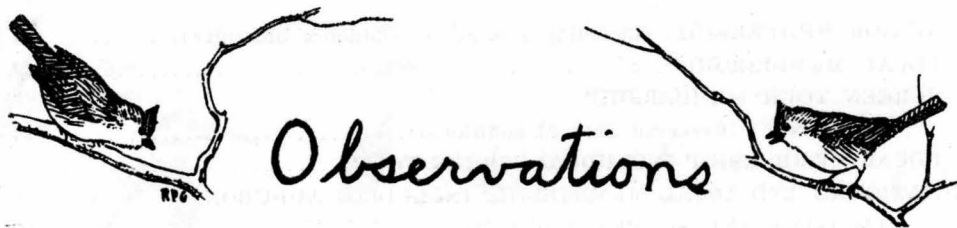
AWARD NIGHT, FRIDAY, APRIL 23

ONCE UPON AN ISLAND by Robert C. Hermes of Buffalo

In "South Pacific" there is a song that goes 'Most people long for another island, one where they know they would like to be.' This love of islands is a universal trait. On this island birds seek sanctuary, just as mankind seeks escape from the cares of everyday life. But sanctuaries are not necessarily bathed in tranquillity.

AUDUBON DINNERS

TO MEET THE LECTURERS, dinners will precede the above meetings. The University Club will provide a private room for sixteen guests at \$3.85 a plate. For reservations please write or call Dr. Mildred Trotter, 530 N. Union Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo. (FOrest 8808), or Mrs. Magner (TU 4-2092).



JAMES EARL COMFORT

The usual summer lull was terminated rather abruptly for the more active birders when early migrant shorebirds began concentrating at Horseshoe Lake, East St. Louis. The vanguard, making its appearance as early as the second week in July, had little local choice in feeding sites as former favored haunts were entirely dry or lacked a shoreline because lush vegetation followed in the wake of the retreating water. In contrast to last summer when Little Creve Coeur Lake, in St. Louis County, gave excellent birding in addition to the reliable Horseshoe Lake, observations were concentrated at the latter as practically our only local shorebird haven. The nearby lakes of Grand Marais State Park have induced a few of the Long Legs to gather, but competition from fishermen has kept the birds uneasy and has discouraged shorebird loitering.

The few July lake visitors compiled their good shorebird lists under a relentless sun, usually hovering around the 100°F mark. Because shorebirds and members of the Heron Family are our only regular July migrants our bird study hobby is generally confined to these families other than checking our permanents and nesters. Unfortunately, shorebirds and herons choose the hottest spots on this side of the earth. Fortunately, they remain in the open and are easy to list and study if the observer has the stamina and desire to withstand the trying weather handicap.

There were nineteen species of shorebirds reported in July. Best species were Buff-breasted, White-rumped, Western and Baird's Sandpipers, Willet, Sanderling, Wilson's Phalarope, and Black-bellied Plover.

Two groves of trees at Grand Marais State Park were again the nesting sites of a large colony of Black-crowned Night Herons. On July 25th, we were able to compare at close range the immature Black-crowns with two of the more slaty and much rarer immature Yellow-crowns. During July, Julian Neill enjoyed the development of a large family of King Rails at the Park, where they were quite co-operative at feeding time escorted by their parents.

Best herons at Horseshoe in July were Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Snowy Egret and Least Bittern.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, (Including 4 Issues of Outdoors Illustrated).....	\$2
LOCAL MEMBERSHIP	\$2
SCREEN TOUR MEMBERSHIP	
(5 lectures) (Reserved Seat \$3 additional).....	\$3
LOCAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING SCREEN TOUR.....	\$5
NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING AUDUBON	
MAGAZINE AND SCREEN TOUR.....	\$8
NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING AUDUBON	
MAGAZINE SCREEN TOUR AND RESERVED SEAT.....	\$10
PATRON MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING AUDUBON MAGAZINE, SCREEN	
TOUR AND RESERVED SEAT FOR FAMILY.....	\$50

Please raise your class of membership if at all possible, to help meet our increased costs. Mail dues to Mrs. J. Marshall Wagner, 516 Bacon Avenue, Webster Groves 19, Mo.

THE SOCIETY ON RADIO

The St. Louis Audubon Society has a weekly series of radio programs over Station KFUE, 850 on the dial, broadcast each Friday from 3:45 to 4:00 p.m. The series is entitled "Science and You," and club publicity chairman, Mrs. E. O. Thalinger is co-ordinator of the program. Moderator is Science Education Professor of Harris Teachers College, Dr. John Whitney. The Reverend E. J. Knoerschild, program director of the station, believes it will run through the winter. September programs will be on Bird Banding and Migration.

September programs will feature migration and birdbanding by Rex Conyers; Audubon Nature Camps by Mrs. Arthur Hughes and Lester Newman; and Audubon Screen Tours for the season. Leonard Hall has written that he will be available at the end of the summer.

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GOOD NEWS!

The Daily Field Check List For the St. Louis Area has been Revised. Copies are available, 3 for 5c. Order from our Service Department.

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